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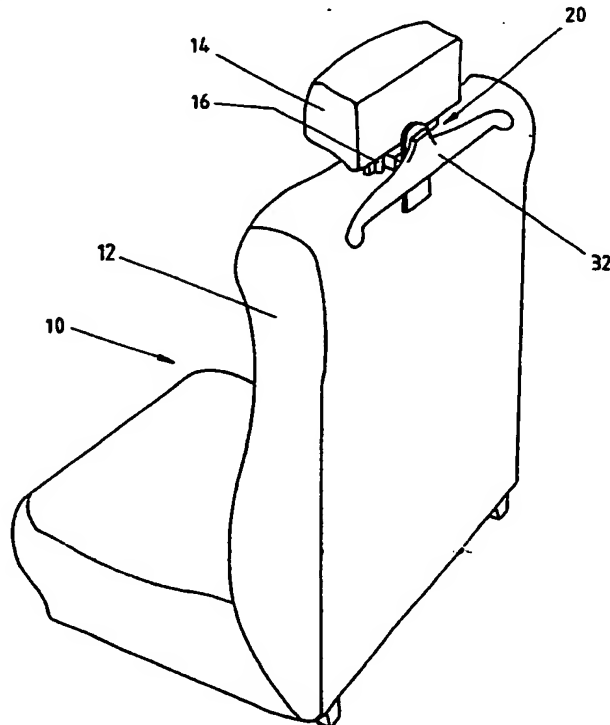
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(57) Abstract

A hook device for hanging a coat or coat hanger in a car or other vehicle, the device being mounted by engagement with the uprights (16) of a head restraint (14) fitted to a seat (10) of the vehicle. The device comprises a T-shaped element (22) for passing between the uprights (16) of the head restraint, with its cross-piece resting against the uprights to the front and its stem projecting to the rear and carrying a hook on which the coat or coat hanger (32) may be hung.

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Coat Hook Device

This invention relates to a hook device for hanging coats etc. in cars or other vehicles.

In the past it has been conventional for cars to be provided with grab handles adjacent the roof, on which it was possible to hang coats etc. However, there has been a growing trend amongst car manufacturers to include factory-fitted sunroofs, so lowering the roofline and thereby making it difficult or impossible to include passenger grab handles. This presents a problem when it is desired to hang coats etc on hangers to the rear of the driver, for there is no convenient device on which a coat or jacket etc. can be hung.

I have now devised an arrangement which enables coats etc. to be hung easily and conveniently in a car or other vehicle to the rear of the driver.

In accordance with this invention, there is provided a hook device for hanging a coat or coat hanger in a car or other vehicle, comprising means for mounting the device by engagement with the uprights of a head restraint fitted to a seat of the car or other vehicle, and a hook on which a coat or coat hanger may be hung.

Preferably the mounting means comprises a T-shaped element for passing between the uprights of the head restraint, with its cross-piece resting against the uprights to the front and its stem projecting to the rear and carrying the hook. Preferably the hook is formed on a member which is slidably engaged with the stem of the T-shaped element.

The hook device is easy to fit and remove yet gives a minimum of interference to the rearward view of the driver.

An embodiment of this invention will now be described by way of example only and with reference to the accompanying drawings in which:

FIGURE 1 is a view of a front seat of a car

provided with a head restraint and a hook device in accordance with this invention;

FIGURE 2 is a view of the hook device in accordance with this invention; and

FIGURE 3 is an exploded view of the hook device of Figure 2.

Referring to Figure 1 of the drawings, there is shown a front seat 10 of a car, the back 12 of this seat being fitted with a head restraint 14. The head restraint has two spaced-apart uprights 16 which slide into two sockets in the top of the back 12 of the seat in the usual way. A hook device 20 in accordance with this invention is fitted to the top of the seat back 12 in engagement with the two uprights or supports 16 of the head restraint.

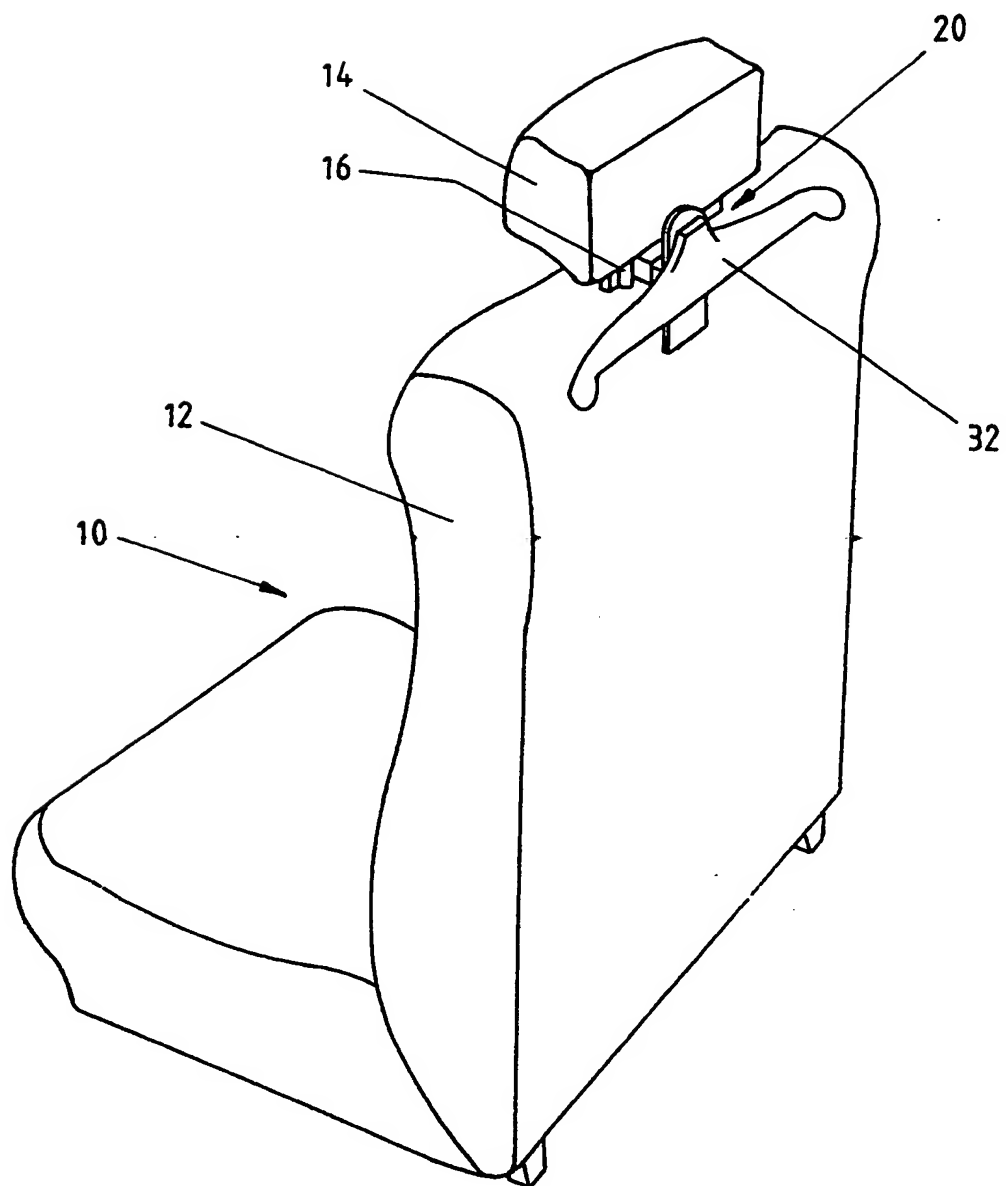
The hook device 20 has a generally T-shaped member 22 the stem of which is passed between the two uprights 16 of the head restraint to bring the cross-piece of member 22 against the front of the two uprights. The hook device has a rear member 24 which is slidably received in the channel-section stem of the T-shaped member 22 and a screw 26 extends through a slot 27 in the stem and through the rear member 24 to a nut 28 to fix the latter member in the required longitudinal position relative to the stem of member 22. The rear member 24 extends from a point intermediate the ends of a flat, upright portion 29 which presents a flat, rearwardly facing surface on which a hook 30 is formed. A coat etc may be hung directly on this hook 30, or a coat hanger 32 may be engaged over this hook, as shown in Figure 1.

It will be appreciated that the hook 30 is in a convenient position for readily and easily hanging up coats, jackets or other articles in the car or other vehicles. The hook device 20 is easy to fit in place and does not interfere with the driver's rear view.

CLAIMS

- 1) A hook device for hanging a coat or coat hanger in a car or other vehicle, comprising means for mounting the device by engagement with the uprights of a head restraint fitted to a seat of the car or other vehicle, and a hook on which a coat or coat hanger may be hung.
- 2) A hook device as claimed in claim 1, comprising a T-shaped element for passing between the uprights of the head restraint, with its cross-piece resting against the uprights to the front and its stem projecting to the rear and carrying said hook.
- 3) A hook device as claimed in claim 2, in which the hook is formed on a rear member which is slidably engaged with the stem of the T-shaped element.
- 4) A hook device as claimed in claim 3, in which the rear member comprises a flat portion having the hook formed on one side thereof, and a portion projecting from the other side of the flat portion and slidably engaged with said stem of the T-shaped element.
- 5) A hook device as claimed in claim 3 or 4, comprising a fixing screw passing through a slot in one of said stem and projecting portion and engaged in a hole in the other.

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FIG. 1

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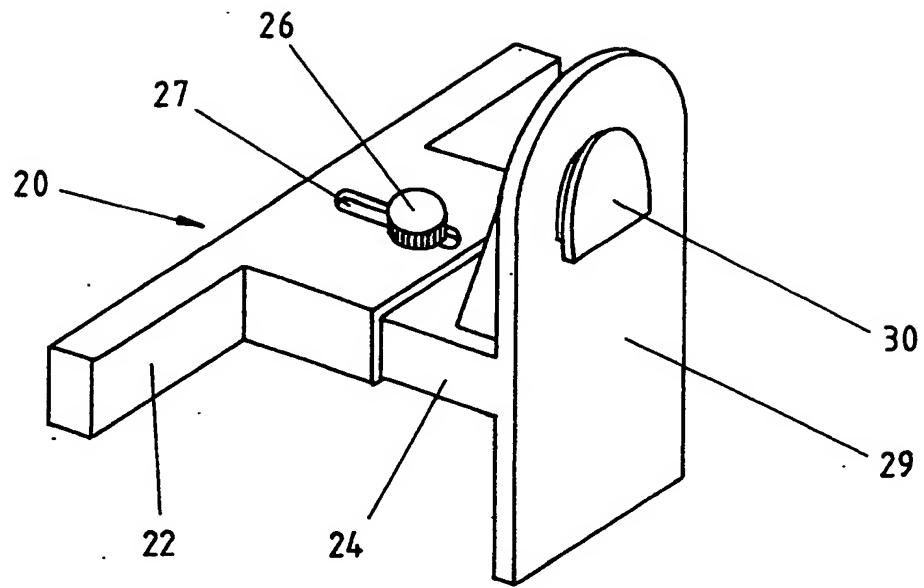


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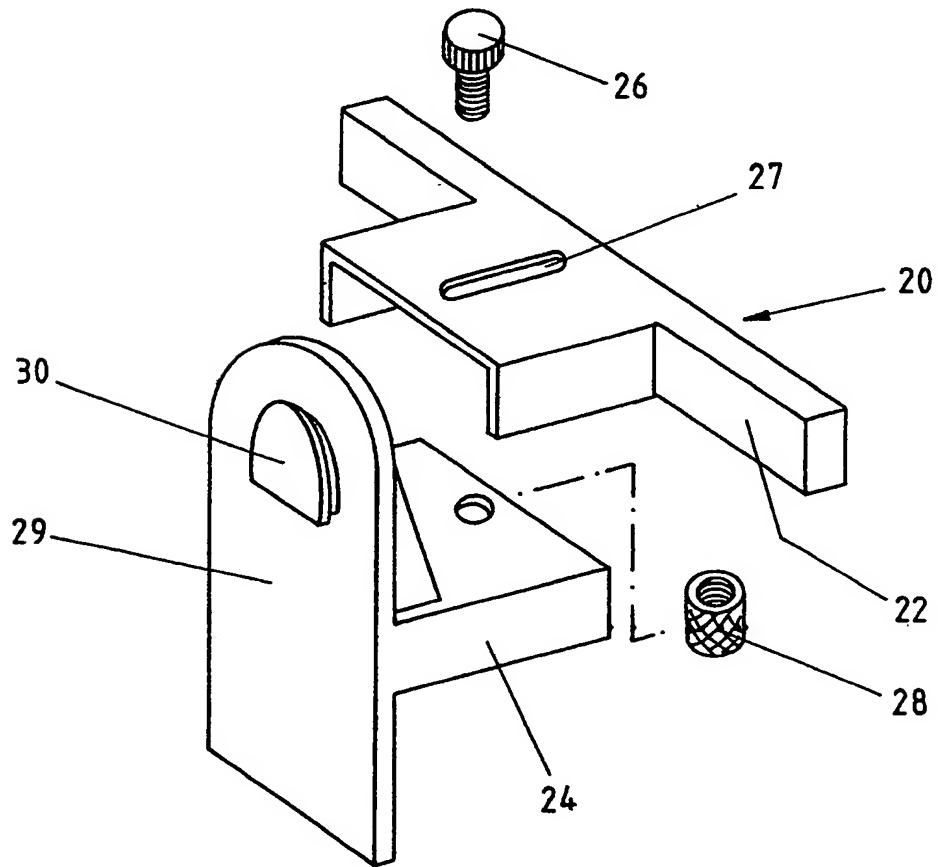



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